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Runoff will decide Mr. & Miss LSUS

by Kent Lowe

LSUS' recent election for Mr. and Miss LSU ended up like the September mayoral and congressional elections: a runoff.

IN THE BALLOTING for Mr. LSUS, the top vote-getters are Mahmoud Hassan and Pat Dowling. Miss LSUS will be decided in a runoff between Tobie Miles and Evalyn Henry.

THE RUNOFF WAS scheduled for yesterday and this morning. Because of press deadlines, the final results will not be printed until the first issue next semester.

Hassan, a senior, is a member of Moa' Afrika and is also with the Health and Science Club. Before the election, Hassan said that since he is a "good representative from the student body, I could fulfill any role Mr. LSUS offers." After winning the first primary, Hassan said that he was pleased with the outcome, noting, "It looked like it could go either way."

Dowling is also a senior and presently serves as the president of the Student Government Association (SGA). He has been the LSUS Dance Marathon chairman from 1976-1978. He feels that he would like the title for the honor of being named Mr. LSUS. "I am really surprised to come this far out of a field of five. There were some very strong choices," Dowling said.

MILES HAS BEEN a member of Moa' Afrika for three and one-half years, and the senior is also a member of the Baptist Student Union. "I am very pleased to be nominated. I really didn't think I would be in the runoff."

In her sophomore year at LSUS, Henry has served on the Rules Committee and was the chairman of the Committee on Committees. She serves as the Director of Special Activities with the SAB, plus the Artist and Lecturers Committee. "If I'm elected, I will do my best to make LSUS active in our community," she said before the first election.

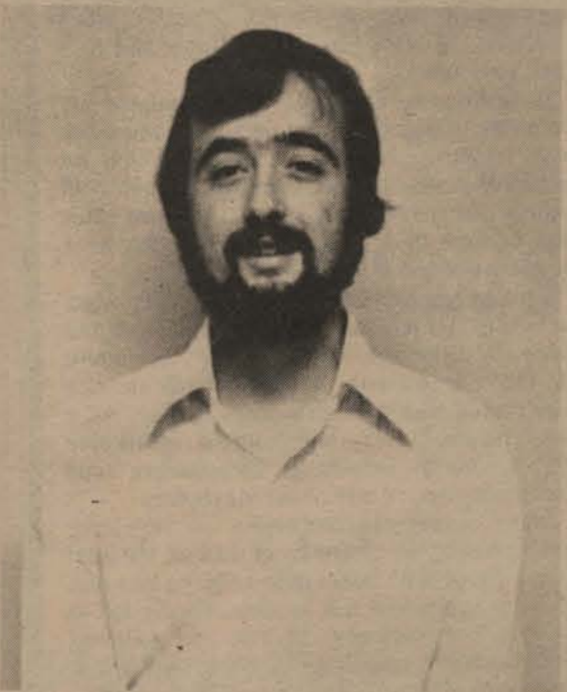
"I'm very surprised I did as well as I did. Moa' Afrika did a lot of work. We need more people to get involved like that. Win or lose, I'm happy that I got this far."



Tobie Miles



Evalyn Henry



Pat Dowling

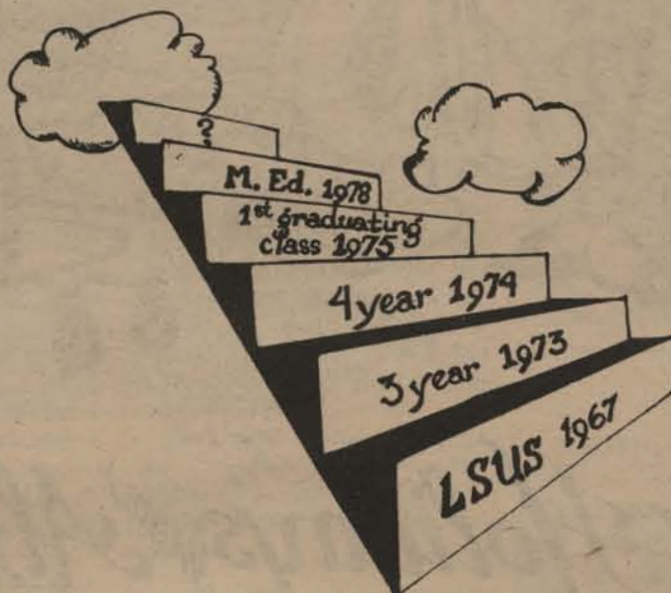


Mahmoud Hassan

Semester: a stepping stone

With the last issue of the semester's *Almagest* generally comes the traditional "good-bye" editorial, but this semester tradition will once again be broken. Instead of looking at semesters as broken segments, they should be considered as the continuation, not only of an education but also as the next step in the growth of an outstanding university.

When the school was started in 1967, many believed that it would never amount to more than just an extended high school for students who hadn't decided what to do with their lives. But LSUS proved them wrong and fought long and hard to become something that the students could be proud of.



what it deserved. LSUS saw its first graduating class in 1975, which was a long step from that first day in 1967. The school had grown from two to three and finally to a four-year degree program.

Now, there's the graduate program, which seems to have completed its first hurdle, but still faces a few more. Maybe next year, that can be added to the list of completed accomplishments for this still growing school. There's one thing that can be said about LSUS, and that is "It cares."

And so do the students. In my opinion, that makes a team that cannot be stopped. So even though it is the end of a semester, which won't seem so bad after that last final exam is taken, it is just the beginning of a bright future for a university which doesn't give up. It is also the beginning of a life enriched by the knowledge that achievement has been gained, by both the university and the students.

Cyndy Hill

Editorial: Facts and Viewpoints

The university has grown and expanded, which has allowed the minds of its students to do the same. It has offered a rich learning opportunity, which I for one am grateful. The quality of education here is something that the student can be proud to have taken part in.

Struggles have long been a part of the growth of any academic facility, and LSUS has struggled to make the grades, just as those students within its doors have also done. It is quite an accomplishment for a university to fight to present a quality education to its students, while often facing what at the time seemed to be devastating problems.

But, it has conquered the majority of those problems it faced, some by trial-and-error and some by just fighting for

On the cover

Almagest members are (from left): Suzanne Bright, Cyndy Hill, Kent Lowe, Verne Foss, Dr. Joseph Loftin, LaTonya Turner, Sam Moore, Susan Jiles, Steve Howell, Raelene Pell, Joey Tabarlet, and Debby Osolneek.

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psychology & you

Jonestown, Guyana — Why?

by George A. Kemp, Professor and Chairman
Department of Psychology

Even the casual observer is shocked by the reports coming from Jonestown, Guyana in recent days. Over 900 men, women and children died in a suicide ceremony carried out as an act of religious faith. Surely there must be some rational explanation for this phenomenon. It is almost unbelievable that so many supposedly intelligent people would willingly take their lives.

Psychologists have been confronted with such phenomena on occasion in the history of man but have not been able to explain fully the behaviors of these persons. Certain events have recurred in many of the group suicide manifestations which may be instructive.

In most cases the persons had been removed physically and/or psychologically from the support of their basic reference groups and there was considerable positive reinforcement within the new group for conforming to its standards which usually had some religious significance. The individuals usually had surrendered autonomy or control of their lives along with the sense of responsibility for their behavior to a charismatic leader or religious faith.

There was usually some threat to the religious faith or society as was the case with the Masada in 79 A.D. when 960 members of a conservative Jewish group committed suicide rather than face the consequences of capture and rule by the Romans. Similar behaviors were observed in many Nazi and Japanese officials as allied troops approached near the end of World War II.

Often the adherents to the religion or political philosophy focus their faith on one charismatic leader as was the case with Hitler and Rev. Jim Jones, and in these instances the leaders who had attracted the adherents gradually became more obviously psychotic.

Many of the same characteristics which lead most of us to a personal philosophy of life led Jones' adherents to follow him. For most persons, religion is integrated with their personal philosophy and the two are inseparable. Jones followers usually had a history of dissatisfaction with themselves in relationship to society.

As "lost souls" they found stability in their commitment to him and his teachings just as the German people turned to Hitler in desperation out of economic instability and a vacuum of leadership in post World War I Germany.

The zeal of the religious fervor observed in Jones' followers is not unlike converts to traditional faiths whom most of us have observed. It was reported that when Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, wife of the noted publisher of *Time-Life* and a convert to Catholicism, was appointed Ambassador to Italy her zeal was so great that during her first audience with the Pope he was overheard to say "But Mrs. Luce, you must understand that I am already a Catholic!" Persons who see themselves as "lost souls" typically experience a high degree of emotion-laden commitment when they give themselves to religious faith.

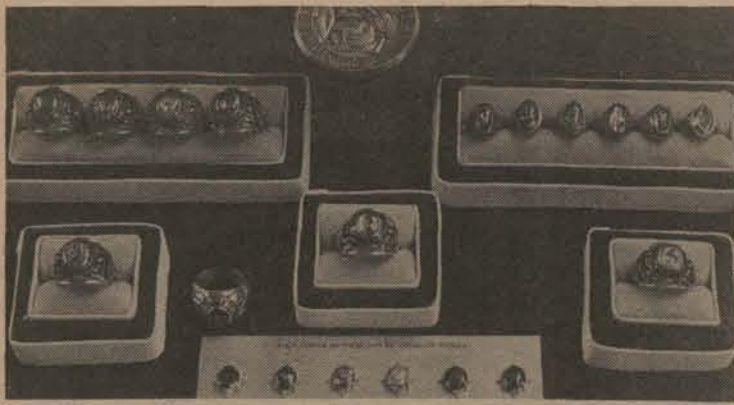
The great social psychoanalytic thinker Eric Fromm theorizes that in the evolution of man to his present state of freedom in many democracies of the world he has been also deprived of the rootedness which he felt when he was a serf tied to the land with no hope of autonomy or freedom. In his book *Escape From Freedom* he explains that the highly educated German people were subservient to Hitler because he offered the promise of stability.

They were aware of his extremist views but turned to him in desperation as a "saviour" willingly sacrificing their values for the pride and stability which he promised. The adherents of Rev. Jim Jones' Peoples Temple probably were experiencing at a personal level something very much like the German people were experiencing when they chose Hitler and his Nazi government.

In addition to all this Jones subjugated his followers to his beliefs and personal dominance with lengthy religious services at which he lectured, presenting his increasingly paranoid beliefs. His suspicions that the C.I.A. was after him became those of his adherents who were protective of him.

His all-night services held almost every night or exhausting day-long services had much the same effect that the "brainwashing" techniques of the Communist Koreans had on our servicemen who were prisoners of war. As a result they became subservient to a remarkable degree, many espousing Communism and denouncing basic truths about our country.

Jones' adherents had been so regularly conditioned by the ceremony or drill for the final mass suicide as a "test of their faith" in him that when his depression and psychosis finally led to the events of November 18, 1978 they followed largely without question since they had made him their object of faith and had become completely subservient to him.



Ring offers memory

by Kent Lowe

For many graduating seniors, the days of college life grow short. With it comes the hope of a bright new future in the community. But some would like a remembrance of those days gone by.

One remembrance that could last a lifetime is a class ring. The bookstore offers rings from three different companies: Star Engraving in Houston, Artcarved in Austin and Balfour in Massachusetts.

The three companies offer many styles of rings, from the traditional class rings to the men's and women's fashion rings that seem so popular today.

The ring can have just about any design or color stone on the ring. Included in the choices are: diamond panels, college symbols or mascot (the latter may be a little tough to find at LSUS) or the birthstone of your month. Also, the senior may have the signature inside the stone and his choice of yellow or white gold.

An investment in a ring is one that must be made carefully because of the money involved. But it can be well worth it. The price of the ring varies, depending on the type of ring ordered and the ever-changing price of gold.

Once the ring is ordered from the book store, the person deposits \$15 down and pays the rest when the ring is sent C.O.D. in about six-to-eight weeks.

Pugh, Kessler attack plan

by Sam Moore

LSUS has many supporters trying to help obtain graduate degree programs for the campus. Two of the more vocal supporters are Robert Pugh, one of the two members of the Board of Regents from this area, and Al Kessler, chairman of the LSUS Citizens Advisory Board.

A local attorney, Pugh does not agree that the proposed consortium would be helpful to the area. "I don't think it serves LSUS or the community in the best interests," he stated.

PUGH'S MAIN criticism is that the quality of the degrees issued by a consortium would be questionable at best. "There would be some question as to the merit of the degree."

Although many critics of the Board's decision have claimed so, Pugh denies that the Regents' decision are purely political.

"I am satisfied that each person votes his own conscience," Pugh remarked. "In theory, at least, they have worked at it more. Some members, though, may vote with a committee decision with less than full knowledge." He

added that a committee decision can make or break a final vote.

AS FOR MICKEY Prestridge, the other area member who has opposed the degree programs, Pugh has respect.

"I don't believe that we are in agreement about LSUS' current ability to have graduate degree programs established at it," Pugh said. "And I don't think we are of one mind concerning the consortium. But I respect his opinion, and I hope he would do likewise with mine."

Pugh is a graduate of Centenary College; but that has not stopped him from giving strong support to LSUS.

"ALL BUT ONE member said that it was too early the first time that LSUS applied for the programs," Pugh stated. He was the only one who voted in favor of them. He was able to have the request lie dormant for one year, rather than have it completely denied. This saved LSUS from having to go through the entire procedure again.

"When the programs were finally denied," Pugh said, "I took the position that if a consortium were not created by September 1978, then under no

circumstances would I support one in the future."

KESSLER has been with the advisory board since its creation in 1975.

In a letter earlier this year to George Luffey, chairman of the Board of Regents, Kessler urged that the board reconsider its decision.

"You granted just a portion of what is so badly needed. We fully expected complete approval in May of 1978. It has become increasingly apparent that factors beyond the soundness of the proposals are the determining ones. While criticisms of the proposals are valid and needed, they are obvious exercises to justify the decisions already made."

"THE ACTIONS OF the Regents have not been completely popular politically, especially when the hard decisions were being made. But when they were objective and forthright they were respected and understood. When the best decisions for quality, efficient programs for the future are compromised, it is a regrettable departure from the stance taken in most cases."

Final examination schedule

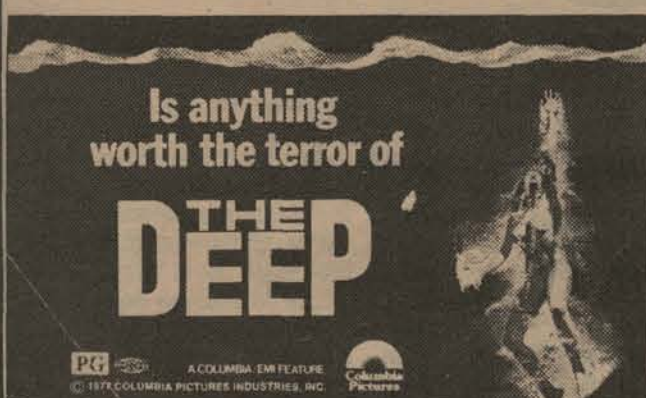
(Editor's note: The final Exam Schedule given below is an official copy furnished by the Registrar's Office. Students are urged to verify the time of an exam with their instructor.)

Regular Classes	Date of Examination	Time of Examination
8-9 MWF	Friday, Dec. 8	8-10 a.m.
8-10 MW		
8-9 M-F		
9-10 MWF	Monday, Dec. 11	8-10 a.m.
9-10 MW		
10-11 MWF	Friday, Dec. 8	1-3 p.m.
10-11 MW		
10-12 MW		
10-11 WF		
11-12 MWF	Monday, Dec. 11	1-3 p.m.
11-12 M-F		
11-12 WF		
12-1 MWF	Wednesday, Dec. 13	8-10 a.m.
12-1 MW		
1-2 MWF	Wednesday, Dec. 13	1-3 p.m.
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1-4 W		
1-3 MW		
2-3 MW	Monday, Dec. 11	10:30-12:30 a.m.
2-3 MWF		
8-9 TTH	Thursday, Dec. 7	8-10 a.m.
9:30-11:00 TTH	Tuesday, Dec. 12	10:30-12:30 a.m.
11:00-12:30 TTH	Thursday, Dec. 7	1-3 p.m.
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12:30-2 TTH	Tuesday, Dec. 12	1-3 p.m.
1-3 TTH		
2-3:30 TTH	Thursday, Dec. 7	10:30-12:30 a.m.
2:30-4 TTH		
6:30-9:30 M	Monday, Dec. 11	6:30-8:30 p.m.
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6:30-8:30 MW		
6:30-9:30 T	Tuesday, Dec. 12	6:30-8:30 p.m.
6:30-9:30 W	Friday, Dec. 8	6:30-8:30 p.m.
8:10-9:25 MW		
5:30-6:45 MW	Wednesday, Dec. 13	6:30-8:30 p.m.
6:30-9:30 TH	Thursday, Dec. 7	6:30-8:30 p.m.

1. Regular classwork will be discontinued Dec. 6, 1978 at 10 p.m.
2. Examinations in the following laboratories will be given at the last class period: Agriculture, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Physics.
3. Examinations in HPE activity courses will be given at the last class period.
4. A student having three final examinations scheduled for the same day may request permission in the Office of the Registrar to take only two exams on the same day.

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Professors aid coverage

by Kent Lowe

Almost a month has passed since the march to the polls and the excitement of another election. But, even at this late date, the election is still one of this area's most talked about issues.

Newly elected mayor Bill Hanna, who defeated Don Hathaway, took office earlier this week and now faces the important task of reorganizing the city government under the new mayor council system. His failures and successes remain to be seen. The main focal point of the past few weeks has been on the fourth congressional race between Claude "Buddy" Leach and Jimmy Wilson.

Leach won the general election by the narrowest of margins. However, Wilson has challenged this result and will appeal to the House of Representatives when it convenes in January. The FBI has also been called in to investigate many claims of vote-buying and other illegal tactics the Wilson people are claiming occurred in Vernon Parish. The results of this appeal could throw the election open again if the House approves Wilson's challenge.

In a way LSUS played a large

part in the media coverage of these elections. Drs. Norman Provisor and Marvin Stottlemire, assistant professors of political science, aided two local television stations with their election night coverage and projections.

Both Drs. Stottlemire and Provisor were very impressed by the high voter turnout in this election. "The voter turnout was very positive," Dr. Provisor said. "It shows the value of competition."

"The uniform high voter turnout was the most pleasant surprise of the election," Dr. Stottlemire added.

On the congressional race and Wilson's challenge, the two both point to the Tonry-Moreau appeal recently in another Louisiana congressional race. Both also feel, however, that Wilson may be fighting a losing battle because Wilson is a Republican, battling to oust a Democrat from a Democratic House. "He will have to build a much stronger case," Dr. Stottlemire said.

Dr. Provisor, besides his election night television appearances, is a special columnist for the Shreveport Journal. He also works with the Journal-

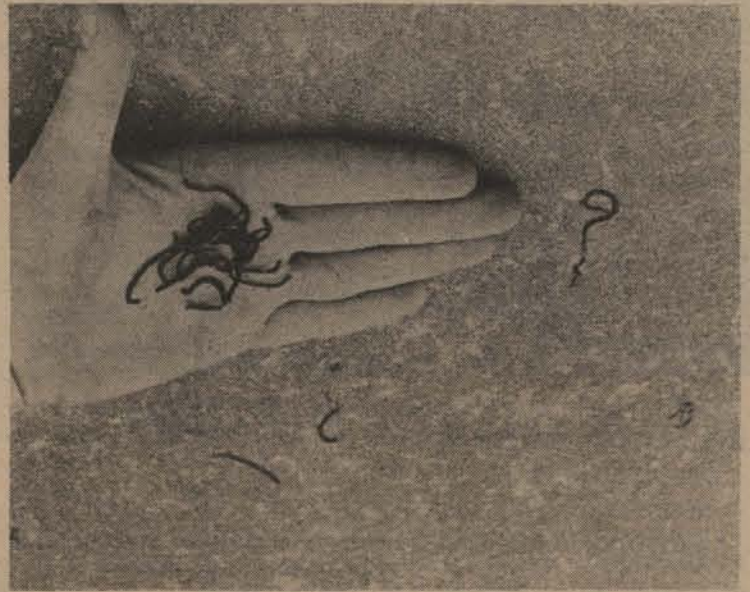
poll, a random sampling of area people on topics ranging from elections to football.

"The poll is one of the least sophisticated methods used," Dr. Provisor said. "But it came out pretty well. For the elections we took a random sampling of registered voters." The poll sampled opinions from around the fourth district for the congressional election.

Also, since the election, the race's apparent winner, Leach, has been a subject of criticism for certain comments made to members of the press on election night. Both gave some interesting responses on this subject.

"It is not something created by the media," Dr. Provisor said. "It is an accurate representation. A person should never unnecessarily antagonize the media. He might run into trouble in Washington."

"What Buddy Leach needs to learn is that the norms and rules for interpersonal interchange change drastically when a person goes into the public spotlight," Dr. Stottlemire said. "The person has to be willing to answer questions on rumors."



Campus crawling

Worms invade

by LaTonya Turner

If you have recently taken a stroll down the sidewalk of the campus mall, you probably were confronted with numerous earthworms strewn across your path.

After unsuccessfully trying to avoid stepping on the creatures and ridding yourself of the sensation of your flesh crawling, you might have been curious as to what causes this situation.

The reason that the earthworms move onto the sidewalk is simply that "They just don't want to drown," said Dr. Robert Kalinsky, assistant professor of biological sciences.

Earthworms use a system of ventilation which allows oxygen to be absorbed through their skin. As the worms tunnel through the soil, air fills the tunnels and supplies the oxygen that the worms need.

"When it rains, the water percolates through the soil and

displaces the air in the soil," Kalinsky said.

Even though the earthworms need moisture to exist, the rain water provides too little oxygen, even when it is oxygen-saturated, for the worms to survive, he said. "When this happens, they come up to the surface to breathe."

Dr. John G. Hall, professor of agriculture, said the worms come to the earth's surface as the water level rises. Some of them climb on blades of grass to escape the moisture; others wander onto the sidewalk.

There, they either drown in the puddles of water on the sidewalk, or they get caught on the sidewalk because of their slow movement when the temperature changes.

It can be concluded that the main reason the worms die this way, as stated by Dr. Hall, is "they're just not very smart."

SGA propose student legal service

by Sam Moore

Legal services for students of LSUS could be a reality, if a proposal by Student Government Association (SGA) President Pat Dowling is eventually approved by the SGA and proper administrative authorities.

Dowling presented his proposal during the SGA meeting Nov. 17. The cost of this service would be approximately \$2,000 per year. Of the money, \$1200 would be spent to keep a lawyer on retainer, and \$800 to pay an ombudsman and needed supplies.

The office of ombudsman would assist students in all legal problems they may have. A student would be selected for this position by the SGA

president. He would have a basic knowledge of law and would be supplied with the necessary reference materials to assist him in his research.

He would be the first help a student receives, and in most cases could solve the legal problems, according to the proposal. If further help is needed, he would be directed to the lawyer that will be held on retainer, where the student would be assisted up to the court appearance.

In other business, two bills and two resolutions were proposed. Bill 79-10 would place garbage barrels in the mall, preferably in five locations. Two senators would be sent to the meeting of the Board of Supervisors, if Bill 79-11 is

passed.

Resolution 79-13 states that the Senate will have one week to see and talk to candidates running for a seat that needs Senate approval. Resolution 79-5 would ban smoking during the Senate meetings.

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Foreign language role assuming new dimension



Dr. Wilfred Guerin

Earlier this year, President Carter created the Commission on Foreign Languages and International Studies to study methods of stimulating national interest in these areas so vital for communication and participation in a global society.

THE 25-MEMBER commission, headed by James A. Perkins, chairman of the International Council for Educational Development, was directed by the Presidential order to:

- recommend a means of informing the public of the importance of foreign language and international studies in an ever-changing world.

- determine the national need for specialists in these areas, and whether present training and research is directed toward building a force adequate to meet these needs, as well as to examine present requirements in the job market.

- recommend a program of study at all academic levels and ascertain the degree of support required of the public and private sectors to adopt such a program.

- review existing legislation and recommend changes that will allow the effective implementation of commission findings.

AT THE COMMISSION'S first meeting, S. Frederick Starr, secretary of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies and a special consultant to the panel, stressed the need for increased emphasis of foreign language study at the pre-university level. Starr said that only 16 percent of secondary school students are enrolled in a course of foreign language study, a figure comparable to the level of the 1890s.

According to Starr, the federal government has provided support for foreign language study at the university level while giving little consideration to the secondary school. Starr, quoted in "The

Chronicle of Higher Education" Nov. 6, stated, "The attempt was to build a structure from the roof down. The reason (the commission) is meeting here is that the structure has not worked."

Commission member Edwin O. Reischauer, professor of Japanese history and politics at Harvard University, feels that foreign language study should begin in kindergarten and continue through the primary school years so that a thorough grounding in a language may be obtained. Without this foundation, Reischauer added, it would be difficult to provide the necessary expertise at a university to prepare the individual for entry into the global community.

DR. WILFRED L. GUERIN, chairman of LSUS' Department of English and Foreign Languages, views the proposed development of foreign language skills at the pre-university level as a move that will revitalize interest in languages and allow the university to place more emphasis on advanced study.

Early language study would provide an "increased consciousness" in English as well as familiarity in the second language. "Fifty percent of the English language is derived from Latin origins," Dr. Guerin said. "Study of the basics in a foreign language will benefit the student's comprehension and use of English."

Starr, in his report to the commission, stated that participation in foreign language programs in secondary schools has decreased by a third since 1965. Dr. Kerr Thompson, assistant professor of Spanish at LSUS, cited a similar decrease in studies at the university level, saying that the "fashionable" protests of the '60s even had their effects on foreign language studies.

"FOREIGN LANGUAGES require work," he said, "and it

is often jolting to adopt the necessary discipline required at the university level to learn." Dr. Thompson added, however, that even without prior language study, "it is not too late to learn in the university."

Dr. Guerin indicated that the increase in literary translations has had an effect on foreign language study, saying that these made it less necessary to know an additional language. Unfortunately, he added, it is impossible to receive the full flavor of a work, particularly poetry, in a translation.

Both Dr. Guerin and Dr. Thompson agree on the necessity of foreign language study as a means of communication and understanding in a world that is becoming increasingly interdependent. With American firms locating overseas and foreign-based corporations establishing operations in the United States, knowledge of a second language is a definite asset in the corporate community.

THESE VIEWS are corroborated by Michel C. Oskenberg, a staff member of the National Security Council. Oskenberg notes a decline of support for advanced studies in foreign languages and geopolitics, saying that it is a "massive problem that affects foreign policy." The ability of the nation to function in world affairs is dependent on the education available to allow full understanding within the framework of the global concept, he summarized.

Robert E. Ward, director of the Center for Research in International Studies at Stanford University, told the commission that advanced study should be "less lengthy and scholarly" in order to attune training to the needs of the "real world."

Dr. Thompson does not concur fully with Ward's idea of "less lengthy," feeling that attempts to streamline study could be detrimental. He suggested consideration of a program adopted by some universities that allows study in the basic foundations of grammar and translation within a language, but then switching to a definitive analysis in English, a method that has shown to be quite successful.

DR. GUERIN agrees with Ward that studies do need to be oriented to today's needs in the corporate and legal sphere. The specialized scholar concept should be modified to one that provides the opportunity to pursue study in a broader spectrum devoted to more relevant attitudes dictated by those requirements.

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Verne Foss



Dr. Kerr Thompson

He stated that development of language skills is needed before entering the job market, not as an "I'll do it when I need it" consideration.

Dr. Thompson feels this attitude, coupled with the availability of commercial "total immersion" (TI) language courses, may have had some effect on university interest, but that TI instruction is very expensive, particularly to gain the degree of proficiency that can be acquired at a university. The time element involved is also an indication of the degree of fluency that can be obtained, he said. "A commercial TI course lasts from four to six weeks. The Army language course at the Presidio in California consists of instruction eight hours a day for 50 weeks."

PERKINS AND other members of the commission admitted their most difficult task would be to reshape public thinking about the study of

foreign languages, saying that any recommendation must do more than "preach to the converted." Reischauer agrees that drafting recommendations will be difficult, but views devising a plan of action to implement them as the foremost problem.

There are indications that foreign language study is becoming a matter of interest to those outside the academic community. This concern is brought into sharp focus by Sylvia Porter, a syndicated columnist. In the Nov. 17 "Shreveport Times," Porter stated, "It even could be that a foreign language would be more useful to you during the next ten years than a college diploma, for whatever the shape of tomorrow's world, you can be sure it will be increasingly international."

Her bottom line is even more succinct — "Language is, in fact, your hidden job insurance."

Good hunting at library

by Verne Foss

Cool, crisp mornings with a big red sunball faintly shining through the fog-shrouded fields evoke images of hunters waiting quietly for their prey.

If you can't get out to get your deer, duck, or whatever your choice, you can experience some of the thrill of the hunt with two of the LSUS Library's browsing selections this week.

Charles Waterman has written "Hunting in America," tracing the practice from days

of necessity to avocation. This well-illustrated book is a history of the people, game and firearms of the North American continent.

"The World's Great Guns" describes the evolution of firearms from the musket to the machine gun, highlighting outstanding examples of each type.

For the collector, "The Collector's Handbook: Guide to the Marketplace," gives timely tips on finding quality items in the nation's newest phenomenon, the Flea Market.

Creative writing sought

by Sandy Malone
Special to the Almagest

The Louisiana College Writers' Society is sponsoring two creative writing contests for undergraduate and graduate students.

Undergraduate students may submit entries in one or more of the following categories: short story, one-act play, newspaper feature article, personal essay, poetry, Louisiana poem, formal essay.

Graduate students are eligible to enter the graduate contest in the following categories: short story, one-act play, poetry.

Cash prizes will be awarded in each category of both contests at the Louisiana College Writers' Society Conference, April 6 and 7, at Northeast Louisiana University. Conference speakers on the 6th include playwright Edward Albee, novelist and short story writer Ellen Douglas, literary agent Albert Zuckerman and poet D. C. Berry. Awards will be presented on the second day.

Any student interested in entering either contest should contact Dr. Wilfred Guerin, Bronson Hall, Room 258, to obtain an official entry blank and a copy of the contest rules.

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Drs. Mark and Susan Vigen

Sharing: Vigen's way

by Lisa Munyon
Special to the Almagest

Although Drs. Mark and Susan Vigen share a great many things as husband and wife, they have taken separate paths in their professional lives, giving them the freedom to apply their special interests and talents within the field that both have chosen — psychology.

DR. MARK VIGEN, assistant professor of psychology, teaches full-time at LSUS, yet has extended his activities beyond the classroom. He is currently doing behavioral research on personality variables relating to diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. He is also involved in clinical practice outside the university, working with adults in therapy.

A self-confessed "workaholic," Dr. Susan Vigen holds down a "job and a half" as part-time teacher at LSUS and director of St. Paul's learning center, where she works with children ages 4 to 16 who have learning and behavioral problems that interfere with school.

THE KEY to their professional relationship, they said, is sharing — not just resources and ideas, but by teaming on courses so that each can depend on the other to substitute as lecturer or help out with tests and grading. They provide each other the security and support which might not be possible in other professional relationships.

While both teach classes at LSUS, the Vigen's career interests diverge in their clinical work. His emphasis is on adult therapy, while she works with children at St. Paul's. Although they constantly consult with each other on problems, they don't discuss specifics in their therapy work to insure the confidentiality of the therapist-client relationship. "It is crucial to protect the privacy of the person I'm working with," he said.

Outside of their professional lives, with the extraordinary demands made on their time, the Vigen's have found it difficult to create a normal home life, a situation made almost impossible because of their hectic, often conflicting schedules. Between teaching, private practice and research, they have had to make sacrifices and alter their lifestyle to accommodate each other.

"**WE ARE VERY** supportive of one another," she said. "Because we are working toward our own goals, we are not jealous of the time each spends on academics."

They try to separate their private and professional lives by not "talking shop" at home and by avoiding psychology jargon outside of their work. Surprisingly, they don't try to analyze each other's behavior either, a temptation that two psychologists might find difficult to resist.

BOTH SAID that LSUS and Shreveport offer unique opportunities for a psychologist, because of the tremendous potential for growth here in all aspects of the field. "I have the best of both worlds," she said, "because I am able to combine academic commitments with clinical work." She added, "There's a lot to be done in Shreveport, and a lot of opportunity for the skills we have."

Her husband echoed this optimism, adding that a smaller university exerts less pressure and allows more professional freedom than a larger school. He said he is not interested in merely furthering his career by moving to a larger institution. "I am not motivated by the next opportunity to move up," he said.

THE PROBLEMS, if any, that arise when a husband and wife work at the same university, and particularly in the same department, appear minor. As a part-time teacher, she has only a make-shift office at LSUS, and uses his files and resources for her classes. "We tend to borrow materials from each other and then don't return them," he said.

She countered that when she comes up with an effective teaching aid or lecture material, he invariably procures it for his classes (of course getting the credit for her ingenuity, she added). She also said students will approach her about matters dealing with her husband, hoping that the information will somehow get to him via her.

Obviously, Drs. Susan and Mark Vigen have developed a unique relationship that works for them — one that allows them the personal freedom to pursue their different interests and the opportunity to share in each other's work as well.

Return to yesteryear...

by Barbara Whittman
Special to the Almagest

NOSTALGIA... TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE... PAST — RELIVED. Can it be done? Sure it can. Take a trip to your high school reunion. I did. It was definitely worth the effort.

Stepping off the plane for my high school reunion. I had mixed emotions. I had often dreamed of this day. What will others be like? Who has gotten fat? Did the high school favorites turn out to be successful, or did some obscure one in the class rise to the top?

High school reunions, why do people go? Everyone has his own reason, but I heard my sister tell, with great excitement and enthusiasm, about the fun she had last year — day and night, for three days. I missed my tenth reunion and have always wondered what I missed, so this time I wanted to know.

OUR REUNIONS are different from many reunions, which are held in the summertime as separate events away from school. Ours have always been combined with homecoming festivities. Several classes were represented.

The old alma mater put on special activities for those returning from the class of '48, the class of '53, the class of '58 and the class of '68 — 30 years, 25 years, 20 years and 10 years.

The class of '48 had a large representation while the class of '53 had only a small group. The class of '68 had the largest group, as it was the most recent, and because the class had tripled in size. The best group, though, was the class of '58.

Some of the spirit began to return as familiar faces started appearing. People look at each other, not quite sure who they

DOM shares Christmas

DOM News Service
Special to the Almagest

Delta Omicron Mu (DOM), LSUS' veterans fraternity, is collecting items for "Toys for Tots." Decorated boxes have been placed in the foyers of all campus buildings for the convenience of students and faculty who wish to contribute to this campaign.

"Toys for Tots" is a citywide project that brings an additional spirit of Christmas joy to needy families in the Shreveport-Bossier metroplex. The drive is not limited to toys — canned goods may be donated as well for delivery to underprivileged families.

Sister Margaret McCaffrey, coordinator of the Christian Service Program, supervises the campaign and determines that all recipients of "Toys for Tots" items are deserving and in need of assistance.

Volunteers are needed to assist in packaging and delivery of donated items. Toys will be delivered from an assembly point at 700 Texas St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 9 to 18. Food items will be packaged beginning Dec. 20 at St. Joseph's Cafeteria, 216 Patton, and will be delivered Dec. 21 through 24.

Toys donated need not be in perfect condition as they will be refurbished before delivery. Any donation of repairable clothing will also be appreciated.

For additional information, Sister Margaret may be contacted at 221-4857, or call Dr. Carlos Spaht at LSUS, ext. 319.

are looking at. Joe? Mary Lou? Then they can't resist — arms lock around each other. Everyone hugs and pats each other on the back. It doesn't matter whether we were good friends in the past or just slight acquaintances. Today we have a common bond from the past. Today it's like we erased away the years and some of the shyness. It's special.

The boys have changed the most — gray temples, distinguished looking. What happened to those little boys? All of us have added a few pounds — some more, some less. I'm looking for someone who has lost his hair and has a pot belly. There must be someone like this.

ALL BUT FOUR or five were found and contacted. Five class members have died — two from serious illnesses and two in tragic accidents shortly after graduation. The fifth was killed in Vietnam only months after becoming a doctor.

The boy voted most likely to succeed did just that. In 1974 he, along with two other investigative reporters, won the Pulitzer Prize for their newspaper concerning the heroin connection from the Far East.

The girl voted best all around hasn't shown up. Most of us have not seen her for 20 years. She lives so far away — 50 miles, at least. We will take away her best all around if she doesn't come.

After the pep rally we left for lunch and lots of catching up. The parade began at 2 p.m. and someone found a '58 Chevy for us to ride in the parade. We have been going and talking since 9 a.m. and the activities will continue into the wee hours.

OTHER SHOWED up at the ballgame. We spent more time looking at the crowd than at the game. Besides, we were losing. After the game we went to a party for the class of '58.

At the party, a wife of a class member commented, "Where are all the boys." I answered, "That's what we've been saying for 20 years. Where were all the boys." We graduated during the time that military schools were very popular.

Many of the boys left for military school. We had to date younger boys or stay at home. One of the boys (now a lawyer) said his parents must have gotten together with other parents and decided it was a good idea — to send them away to different military schools.

During the course of the evening, conversation reached a depth that we were not used to. Reminiscing changed to philosophy. We talked about the old days honestly and truthfully. It was interesting to hear that others, who seemed so self-confident and secure, had the same problems — even the boys.

THOSE GOOD OLD high school days were not all they were cracked up to be. Teen years are not easy. Would you go back? Most answered definitely NO! We like the present better.

We, the class of '58 have mellowed, and are not so uptight about our image. Some have realized their goals, others have not; some have failed. Many are still achieving while others have decided to take life easier.

It was interesting to note how many have started returning to their roots. They have been away, tried other places, but have returned home. Many never left; others moved within the state.

About half of the 128 responded to the questionnaire. Many of the ones who still live in town did not bother to fill out the questionnaire or to attend. Oh yes, I did see one classmate who was bald. His hair had slipped down around his chin, and one of the most handsome of 1958 walked in, pot belly and all.

WELL, I'M ALMOST HOME now. The plane is landing. Worn out, disheveled, sleepy, the image is gone. Two full days of activities and the memories fade. As I step off the plane, the reunion becomes memories for 1988 when we will meet again as the CLASS OF '58 — 30 years!

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE — yes, the past can be recaptured for a moment. DO go back to your high school reunion... It's fun!

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Concert review

Hirsch lights up

by Ellen Davis
Special to the Almagest

Brilliant. Dazzling. These are only a couple of the adjectives describing the Shreveport Symphony's "Starship Encounters" performance Nov. 25 at Hirsch Coliseum.

The symphonic light show consisted of a variety of musical selections related to the popular science fiction genre currently sweeping across the country. Highlighting the show were John Williams' "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Star Wars."

THE UNDENIABLE STAR of the evening was the special laser-light visual effects provided by SHOWCO, a Dallas firm specializing in cosmic visual effects. The audience frequently broke into spontaneous applause when the lasers were used.

The show was divided into two acts. Act I began with Richard Strauss' title theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey" (Also Sprach Zarathustra). When a laser projection on a large screen behind the symphony spelled out the symphony's name, the audience interrupted the music with applause. Johann Strauss' "The Blue Danube" was the next selection.

Narrator Vern Stierman then made his opening remarks. This was followed by Alexander Courage's theme from "Star Trek." Although a short piece, it was one of the best of the first act.

EXCERPTS FROM Gustav Holst's "The Planets" finished Act I. The selections were "Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity," "Venus, the Bringer of Peace" and "Mars, the Bringer of War." The rear screen displayed a beautiful slide show of pictures and kaleidoscopic abstracts. "Mars" gave the audience its first extended view of lasers.

Act II opened with "Landing of the Mothership" from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Another "Close Encounters" theme, "The Five Note Theme," followed. Stierman introduced this selection as "the

fulfillment of one of man's oldest dreams — conversation between man and space." The conversation in this incident was between a synthesizer (operated by a man in a spaced-out silver costume) and the symphony.

An orchestral suite from "Close Encounters" incorporated exceptional use of laser projections on the rear screen in the shape of constantly changing geometric shapes, "cosmic vapors" rose about the feet of the orchestra.

THE BEST PART of the show was "Star Wars." Selections from the musical score included the title theme, "Princess Leia's Theme," "The Little People," "The Cantina Band," "Laser Battle" and "The Throne Room and End."

"The Cantina Band" was not listed in the program, and the surprised audience enthusiastically approved its addition.

Green laser beams and smoke added to the galactic feel of "Laser Battle," which was by far the best of the entire performance. Blinding flashes on either side of the orchestra drew applause and cheers from the audience. The climax of the piece — the Death Star's destruction — brought the largest and most blinding flash. The audience decidedly loved it. They were on their feet in a standing ovation before the music stopped.

THE SECOND STANDING ovation came after the final piece "The Throne Room and End." The intense white light focused on the stage during this piece and a six-foot revolving mirror ball over the audience had an awesome effect.

The first act was slow and dragged a bit. Unfortunately it couldn't help but suffer in comparison with the superb second half. My only regrets about the performance are there could have been more special effects throughout (especially in the first half), and I wish it could have lasted longer. Hirsch Coliseum has rarely seen such a quality performance as this one.

TV movie asks 'A Question of Love'

by Natalie Williams
Special to the Almagest

ABC tackled another controversial subject in movie form at 8 p.m., Nov. 26. "A Question of Love," based on actual events, dealt with the custody rights of a homosexual parent.

The story revolves around lesbian Linda Ray Guettner (Gena Rowlands) fighting for the custody of her youngest son after she moves in with her "mate," Barbara Moreland (Jane Alexander).

Linda Ray moves her family

of two boys, ages 16 and 9, with her. Her oldest son soon asks about her relationship with Barbara and, shortly thereafter, decides to live with his father. Mike Guettner (Clu Gulager) then files suit for his other son, Billy, after he learns of his ex-wife's situation.

After Linda Ray and Barbara finally find lawyers (a female-male team) willing to take the case, the drama basically centers on the courtroom.

The courtroom scenes were among the most realistic because the dialogue was taken

Santa hints

by Karen Matlock
Special to the Almagest

Right now, finals are uppermost in most students' minds. Fear not — as they come, so also will they pass (the finals, not necessarily the students). Finals will ultimately be replaced in our hearts and minds by thoughts of Christmas. Here are some hints for those people who have everything.

Forget about giving someone a pet rock, a Presto Fry-Baby or a crock pot. They are definitely passe. The pet rocks were not affectionate enough and, amazing as it may seem, you can fry potatoes and make stew on an ordinary stove.

For mom, who probably has a bottle and jar cutter, as well as a buttoner, Ronco has come out with another exceptionally inane gift. Get mom an automatic egg scrambler. Think of the micro-seconds she will save. Of course, she will still have to fry or poach eggs the traditional way. Poor mom.

Next, for dad, get something really special. How about a machine that will record his favorite television program for him to replay? That will enable him to replay his football game over and over again until he can ascertain precisely when the coach called a dumb play.

The toymakers have just outdone all previous endeavors. "The force" may be forced on you for baby brother. One wonders what toy manufacturers did before "Star Wars." Oh — that's right, they mass-produced toy machine guns.

Now, for sweet baby sister. She is really lucky this year. Gone are the baby dolls that didn't do anything except let the child's imagination develop. Now there is a doll that will actually burp on your shoulder after bottle. If that's too tame, you can always opt for the doll who drinks, wets, and breaks out in the most nauseating diaper rash ever conceived.

Now that your shopping worries are over, you can concentrate on more important things. 'Tis better to give than to receive.

from actual court transcripts. Although the drama only depicted the mother-son relationship with any depth as opposed to the father-son relationship, both Mike and Linda Ray's court cases were represented equally in the show.

The women went through the public ordeal of "coming out of the closet — for good," as Linda Ray put it, via the media. However, a point was made when both women admitted their love for each other in court without being embarrassed about it.

Yet, the most overriding concept was that of a mother's love for her children. The tender scenes between Linda Ray and her beloved Billy made it difficult to remember that the judge and jury were not privy to this one-to-one situation.

The drama was effective in relaying the real point at hand — that because the mother led an alternative way of life she was not automatically an unfit mother.

The question really was one of love. Sadly, though, the jury thought otherwise and handed back a decision of 10 to 2 in favor of granting custody to the father.

Prof's trip to Spain is business/pleasure

by Sandy Malone
Special to the Almagest

What vacation could be better suited to a Spanish teacher and his family than a trip to Spain? That's where Dr. Currie K. Thompson, assistant professor of Spanish, took his wife, Susan, and their two children, Currie and Louise, this past summer.

"I've lived in Panama and I've been to Mexico, but never to Spain. We wanted the children to go and hear people other than us speak Spanish," Thompson said, adding that both kids were learning the language very well.

Their plane landed in Madrid, where they spent the first three nights. Then, with a rented car, they began touring cities in southern Spain, such as Seville and Granada. Afterward, they crossed the Strait of Gibraltar and entered Morocco, where they rode camels.

A short time later, the Thompsons were back in Madrid, where the First International Congress on Cervantes, a conference in which Spanish professors from all over the world exchanged ideas, was being held.

"I made studies last year at

Duke University on a union interpretation of a few chapters of "Don Quixote," he said. For those who don't know, this novel was written by Miguel de Cervantes, the subject of the conference. Dr. Thompson's paper is entitled "Don Quixote Meets His Shadow."

But the paper wasn't written for the purpose of this conference, just as the conference wasn't the purpose for their trip.

"I just decided that since I had written it, I would submit it to the Congress," he said.

After the conference, the family visited eastern and northern cities of Spain, including the popular French and Spanish resort Benicasim and the city of Barcelona. Then, they finally returned to Madrid. Thompson said he drove about 5,000 miles in the two months they were there, being sure to hit all of the culturally significant places.

"The kids thoroughly enjoyed the Roman and Celtic ruins, but they hated guided tours and Gothic cathedrals," he said.

Thompson has no immediate plans of returning to Spain, as he is planning to be broke now for awhile.

Play review

Knight rides...

by Paige Patterson
Special to the Almagest

If you like to laugh you will like the play "The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia," presented by the Shreveport Little Theatre. Yes, the language is strong and could be considered offensive, but the overall production is tasteful, humorous and enjoyable.

The play takes place in a hotel room in the small Texas town of Bradleyville. Director Frank Brink and his cast give the audience small-town, southern characters with Texas charm.

No one character steals the show for more than one laugh. Ramsey-eyes, played by Everett Silas, starts the show with a chuckle and ends the show with a chuckle. Silas is a far cry from being a famous singer, but his version of an American favorite is unforgettable.

Colonel J. C. Kincaid, played by Robert Rogers, creates a strange mood. The audience doesn't know if he is supposed to be funny or sad. The Colonel, a war veteran, is a half deaf old man in a wheelchair. Roger's portrayal of the Colonel is strong, but not overpowering.

Bill Carter plays the role of L. D. Alexander and is the only one trying to cling to the ideas of the Knights of the White Magnolia. Carter's performance could be

more forceful. He allows the others to oppose his ideas effectively.

Billy Chandler, Bob Larrick, Robert Brandon, Michael Campbell and Paul Aubert play the characters Rufe Phelps, Olin Potts, Skip Hampton, Milo Crawford and Red Grover, and play their characters harmoniously. The actors seem to become the characters, especially in the bickering petty arguments and insults seem so real the audience feels a part of them.

Lonnie Roy McNeil, played by Joe DeSantis, is the last hope for the Knights of the White Magnolia. DeSantis creates the hope with innocence. Lonnie Roy has volunteered to join the Knights. He has no idea of what he is getting himself into. With the exit of Lonnie Roy goes the last hope for the revival of the group and the supposed brotherhood. The thoughts of the characters after Lonnie Roy exits create and unfold the true meaning of the brotherhood.

Touching, yet not sweet as sugar — the final scenes are without a doubt the perfect ending to a funny story. It'll keep you in stitches, but you better take a hanky to cry on. Out of the laughs come crying and out of the comedy comes drama.

Greek Beat

by Susan Jiles

ZETA TAU ALPHA

Eta Omega chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha held officer installation Nov. 28. Big Sis-Little Sis ceremony was also held for the three recent pledges.

Plans for a chapter Christmas party are being made.

PHI DELTA THETA

Louisiana Delta Colony of Phi Delta Theta announces the initiation of new members John Carl, Oden Simoneaux, Jerry Hughes, Alex Brigham, Lyndon Greene, Tony Randazzo, Mike Martin and Mark Ford.

The Colony plans to be installed as Louisiana Delta Chapter sometime in January.

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Book buy

Books will be bought back by the Bookstore on Dec. 12 and 13.

The hours on Dec. 12 will be from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to allow night students time to sell their books. On Dec. 13 the hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A representative from a used book company comes in to handle the buy. Books to be used next semester are bought at 50 percent of the retail price. A book is considered used regardless of whether or not it is written in.

Any books not used next semester will be bought by the representative for his company. The prices he pays are determined by what the value of that book is in the used book market and are not determined by the Bookstore.

Chorale concert

LSUS Chorale will give their second annual concert Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium. The concert is free for students.

Oriental art

Original oriental art was on exhibition and offered for sale Wednesday in the art gallery on the third floor of Bronson Hall. The show featured original etchings, woodcuts, lithographs, serigraphs, and watercolors. It was arranged by Marson, Ltd. of Baltimore, Maryland.

Staff openings

Applications for staff openings on the Almagest for the spring semester are now being accepted. Most staff positions are salaried. Interested persons should contact Suzanne Bright or Dr. Joseph Loftin in the Communications Department.

Calendar

Friday, Dec. 1

2:00 and 7:30 p.m. — "The Deep," SLA. Rated PG.

Monday, Dec. 4

Basketball league play, Fort Humbug.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Last day of regular classes.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Final tests end.

Thursday, Dec. 14

Final grades due in registrar's office at 10 a.m.

Monograph

Dr. Kenneth Hinze, assistant professor of sociology, is senior author of a monograph titled "Population Projections: Chicago City and Suburban Ring, 1970-2000." It was published by the Community and Family Study Center, University of Chicago. Co-authors are Donald Bogue of the University of Chicago and Pierre DeVise of the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle campus.

The report is a result of computer-modeled forecasts of population and social processes in the Chicago area. A similar study was done on Shreveport by the Department of Social Sciences last spring.

Spanish 322

Spanish 322 was left off the spring schedule when distributed to the students. Dr. Kerr Thompson will teach "Survey of Spanish Literature" 9:30 - 11 TTH.

Directories

Student directories may now be obtained through Pi Sigma Epsilon, the LSUS marketing fraternity. More information is available through the College of Business.

Schedules out

Schedules of classes offered during the upcoming spring semester are now available at the office of the registrar, Science Building, Room 118.

SDX meeting

Sigma Delta Chi, the society of professional journalists, met yesterday at the Holiday Inn-Bossier.

Guest speaker was Bill Hanna, newly elected mayor of Shreveport. He gave his views on the media's role in reporting the activities of city government.

Chapter president Mike Staggs gave a report on the national Sigma Delta Chi convention which was held in Birmingham Nov. 15-18.

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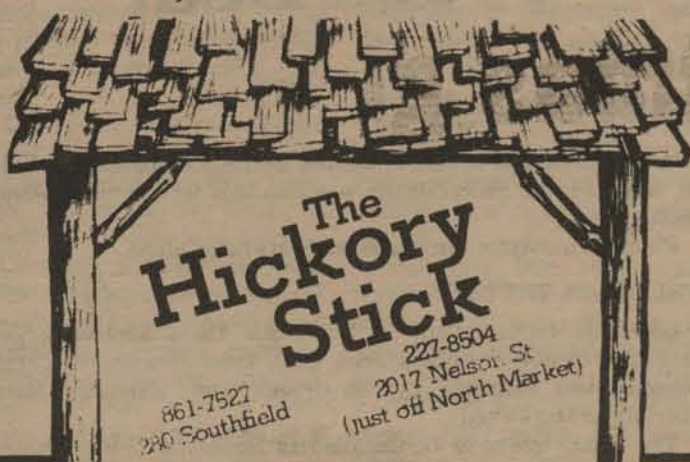
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Who's Who students named

by LaTonya Turner

Ten LSUS students have been named to the 1978-79 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," according to Dr. Jimmie N. Smith, LSUS vice chancellor for student affairs.

The students, selected on the basis of academic excellence and student achievement, are: John Finck, a chemistry senior; Jon Flair, an accounting senior; Raelene Pell, an English senior; Robert Pitts, a chemistry senior; James Robbins, a math senior; Donna Jane Rushing, a pre-medicine junior; Donald Sklar, an accounting senior; Joey Tabarlet, a communications junior; Carla Ward, an office administration senior; and Mary Ward, a pre-medicine junior.

THE "WHO'S WHO" is a biographical volume that provides a tribute to leaders of today's college generation by dramatizing their achievements in narrative form. Candidates for the honor are selected by campus committees composed of representatives from faculty, administration, and student body.

Finck is an honor student who is a Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society, a member of the LSUS Chemistry Club, and Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Flair, who plans to enter law school, has been a recipient of two academic scholarships at LSUS. He is a member of the Alpha Sigma Omicron Honor Society and the Accounting Club.

Pell is involved in various campus organizations. She currently works in the writing lab, English Department, and for the Almagest as business manager and cartoonist.

PITTS IS A SECOND YEAR winner to "Who's Who," having been selected last year. Pitts,

who plan to be a chemist, has been the recipient of two scholarships at LSUS. He is a Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society, a member of the Health Science Club, a charter member of the Chemistry Club, and a lab assistant. He is the founder of Zeta Delta chapter of Delta Sigma Phi.

Robbins, who hopes to enter medical school in the fall of 1979, is a student assistant in the Math Department, and has been a recipient of three scholarships while at LSUS. He is a member of the Honor Society and Health Science Club.

Rushing plans to become a medical doctor and will enter the LSUS Medical Center in the fall. She also has received three scholarships while at LSUS and is a member of the Alpha Sigma Omicron Honor Society and Alpha Phi Sorority.

Sklar is a tutor in business statistics, conducting a two-hour lab session twice a week. He is a member of the Accounting Club, the LSUS Forensics team, and Alpha Sigma Omicron Honor Society. He has received two scholarships while at LSUS and won the Accounting Faculty Award in 1978.

TABARLET, AN HONOR STUDENT, has won awards as a member of the forensics team. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, a senator from the College of Liberal Arts in the Student Government Association and an Almagest staff member.

Carla Ward was named the 1977-78 Outstanding Student in the Office Administration Department and received the NSA Scholarship. She is a member of the LSUS Chapter of National Collegiate Association of Secretaries.

Mary Ward is in the six-year

medical program and plans to be a physician. She is a laboratory assistant in the Chemistry Department, a member of Alpha Sigma Omicron Honor Society and Alpha Phi Sorority.

Graduate figures projected

LSUS student graduation figures of 1979 are expected to show an increase over the graduation figures of past years.

Approximately 420 students are expected to graduate in 1979, according to Phyllis B. Graham, director of placement and counselor. This figure includes the 52 students who graduated in August and those who will graduate in December and May.

Graduation figures for the last four years have shown a steady increase: 224 graduates in 1975; 288 in 1976; 291 in 1977; and 346 in 1978.

"I'm very pleased with the increase," said Graham. "We can't do anything but grow." She said that there should also be several students completing their masters in May.

"Students have to come see me in order to graduate," she said. "This provides an opportunity for me to help them with job placement."

Graham urges graduating students to read the information provided for them on page 46 in the LSUS 1978-79 catalog. Additional instructions should be obtained in the Registrar's Office.

Broadcasting

Classes on the air

by Kent Lowe

Two LSUS broadcasting classes are taking advantage of their training as they write, produce and host a 10-part radio series, "LSUS Upclose."

The 10-part series will air weekly on a local radio station, KWKH. The first air-date has not been set.

The two classes, Communication 275 and 285, taught by Dr. Lillian Hall, associate professor of communications, are using the radio facilities located on the second floor of Bronson Hall. Taping for the first show began last week, with four more shows scheduled to be taped by the end of this week.

The opening shows will feature the administrators of LSUS. Appearing on the program will be Chancellor Donald Shipp; Vice Chancellor Gary Brazier; Dr. Jimmie Smith, vice chancellor for student affairs; Dr. A. J. Howell, vice chancellor for business affairs; Todd Tillman, assistant to the chancellor; and Malcolm Parker, director of library.

Some of the upcoming topics will look at the consulting and research studies in the biology and social sciences departments, student activities, clubs and organizations, community services and the future of LSUS.

The format is a mixture of the interview-talk show format, with various Public Service Announcements (PSA's) interspersed throughout the program.

The radio and television writing class will also host one of the 30-minute shows. The group is also responsible for writing some of the lead-ins, closings and many of the PSA's that will be heard on the program.

The writing class' talk show

will give information about the various clubs and organizations on the campus. The program will cover the academic, social and religious groups.

"The students benefit so much from these programs," Dr. Hall said. "They would rather have something aired than have their work put in a folder and retained."

This series is not the first one that LSUS has participated in. The last was a 15-program series on KFLO about two years ago. The class did one show for KWKH on the station's talk show "Party Line," but this will be the first show produced on campus.

"The studio facilities are not of broadcast quality," Dr. Hall said. "But we have a good training setup. The tapes will be good, not excellent."

Dr. Hall feels the program provides a community service and "everyone on campus should look for ways to present a community service. When people search you out, you should take advantage of the opportunity."

The programs have put extra work on Dr. Hall's students late in the year, but Dr. Hall quickly states, "There have been no complaints. They are very eager. It has been a pleasant working experience and the students deserve a big pat on the back."

Dr. Hall feels very close to KWKH since her dissertation topic dealt with the history of the local station. Dr. Hall is thankful for the excellent relations the class has had with the local radio and television stations over the years.

KWKH is pushing for Sunday at 6 p.m. as the first air date. Whether that deadline can be met was unknown as of press time.

SAB plans ski trip

Breckenridge, Colo., awaits about 80 people later this month as the Student Activities Board (SAB) makes final plans for the annual "Ski Colorado!"

The group will depart from Dallas on Dec. 17th and return to the airport on the 24th. Breckenridge is located on the Continental Divide in the Rocky Mountain Country.

About half of the group is from the LSUS campus while the rest of the vacationers are from the LSU-Medical School, Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Once in Breckenridge, the group will be housed in a local condominium. The groups will

lodge for six nights in Tannhauser Condominium. All expenses except for meals are included in the price of the package. This includes ski lift tickets, ski rental equipment, the air fare and the condominium. Also, one day of lift tickets can be traded in for a day of lessons.

Coming up next spring, the SAB is planning another top-flight schedule which includes a full line-up of movies, two dances, a trip to the Bahamas and the opening of the new Student Union Building.

Debate: festive occasion

LSUS' forensics team scored some victories and had an altogether fascinating experience at the recent Forensic Festival at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Don Hutchinson was awarded a Superior rating in Original Poetry, Joey Tabarlet won a Superior in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Michael Karosky and Monique Kolonko received an Excellent rating in Novice Debate.

The San Marcos tournament was done according to "festival" style rather than the traditional competitive tournament format. In a festival, there are no final rounds in individual events and no eliminations in

debate. Consequently, no first, second, or third places are given. Participants are awarded ratings of Superior, Excellent, Good, and Fair.

The Southwest Texas State Tournament was the last of the Fall '78 semester. In the spring, when competition resumes, the squad will be attending a tournament at Central Arkansas University in Conway. Other tournaments to be attended will be at the University of Arkansas, North Texas State, the national tournament at Baylor, the state tournament, and the National Convention and Tournament of Pi Kappa Delta in St. Louis in March.



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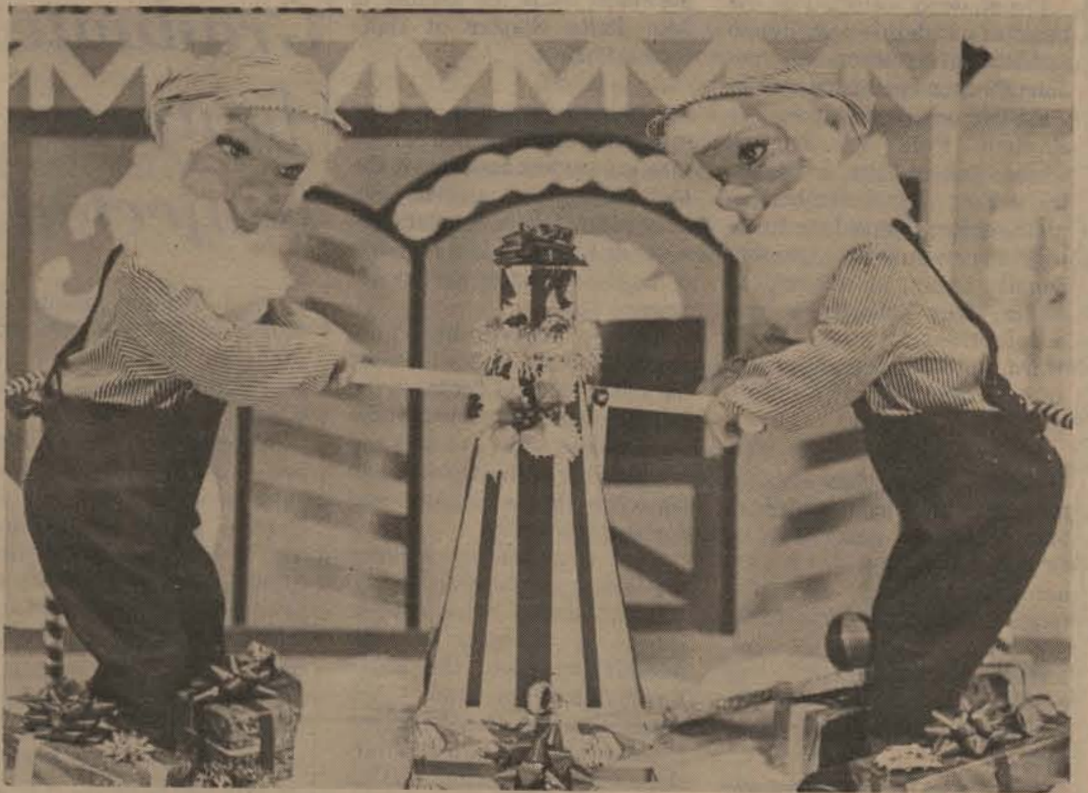
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—Rachel Field



Seasons greetings!

Sports

McClendon, Indy Bowl

KENT'S COMMENTARY

by Kent Lowe

In recent weeks has come the word from Baton Rouge that LSU football coach Charles McClendon is ending his coaching career.

Let me put it another way: he is being told that he will end his coaching career.

Athletic Director Paul Dietzel made that announcement two weeks ago, saying McClendon will coach next year and retire to take a position as administrative assistant to the LSU director of athletics.

THE BENGAL COACH has been the subject of criticism for the last several years because of the Tigers' inability to win the big games. For the laymen that means, "beat Alabama."

But let's look at the record. Charlie Mac's record at LSU is 122-52-7 or better than a .700 winning percentage. Certainly, his record as a coach cannot be questioned. Maybe the schedule, but not the record.

Another reason was expressed in a story in the LSU-BR paper, "The Daily Reveille," on Thursday, Nov. 15. "Dietzel also said McClendon was in the twilight of his active coaching career and that next year he will reach the zenith of his career . . . President of the American Football Coaches Association."

WONDERFUL. So according to Dietzel, LSU has a football coach who is old, can't win a big game and is only going to coach next year so LSU can say that their coach was the president of a group of coaches.

A lame-duck coach is what it all boils down to. Leave it to Dietzel to figure some way to mess things up. McClendon, in my opinion, should tell Dietzel to forget it and find another coaching job somewhere else.

MCCLENDON IS NOT finished as a coach. He is not in the twilight of his career and the game has certainly not passed him by. Charlie Mac is a very respected man. He is too much of a gentleman and might accept his one more year and take that administrative job, but I don't think he will enjoy it.

I for one, know that Charlie Mac will be back. Maybe at one time or another over the past few years we have all wanted Mac to pack. Now that it is apparent he will, it is time for second thoughts.

EAST CAROLINA WHO? That seems to be one of the big questions around the area as the Pirates were chosen for the third Independence Bowl Dec.

16 in Shreveport, against Louisiana Tech.

In an earlier column, I talked about the ticket requirements put on this year's game. Many felt a well-known team like Navy, Georgia Tech, or Florida State might bring a big following. East Carolina wants 10,000 tickets, but how many will actually follow the Pirates remains to be seen.

No one is quite sure where the idea of East Carolina came from. Piecing a few facts together leads to this conclusion. The selection committee found themselves in a jam when several of their choices picked other bowls or said they would not come. So the group seems to have gone for a Southern team with a good record.

BUT LET'S LOOK at three teams that were not invited. First, what about a top contender from the start, Florida State. The Indy Bowl tried to contact the team over the weekend but were unable to get anyone to answer the phone. By the time State officials contacted the group on Monday it was too late.

Next, North Texas State. Having Louisiana Tech on their schedule knocked them out of a berth right from the start. However, their 16-14 game earlier this season in Shreveport was one of the most exciting and their 9-2 records is one of the best. But the city did not want a rematch, but, look at the Orange Bowl.

Finally, Southern Mississippi. With a 7-4 mark, the record has to be one of the failing points to the committee. But they did want to be invited and they did beat East Carolina.

What it all boils down to is this. We will have a bowl game on Dec. 16. But will there be another?

THE INDY BOWL desperately needs a television contract to survive. This year's team, unlike Louisville, does not have the Metro Seven Conference hook-up. Money from television is the key word to get a name team.

The Indy Bowl could be one of Shreveport's greatest attractions if it can survive these rocky years. This is the watershed year. This is the final year of a three-year tie-up with the Southland conference.

Buy your ticket now. Who knows, maybe you can put it on the mantel next to your World Football League Steamer pennant and the Shreveport Captains program. Will the third time be the charm in a negative way for the Indy Bowl? The answer is only two weeks away.



Trying in vain to prevent a basket by Wellborn's Independents is the Misfits during a recent intramural basketball game. Wellborn's won, 78-24. (Photo: Kent Lowe)

Routs highlight playoff action

by Joey Tabarlet

Basketball playoff action began last week as the fall basketball season drew to a close. Strangely enough, the two games played Nov. 22 were not nearly as close as one might expect in the playoffs. Phi Delta Theta defeated Kappa Alpha by the astonishing margin of 89-42, and Wellborn's Independents rolled over the Vanguardians by 78-24.

Jeremy Shackelford controlled the boards for the Phis in their win. Shackelford, a high

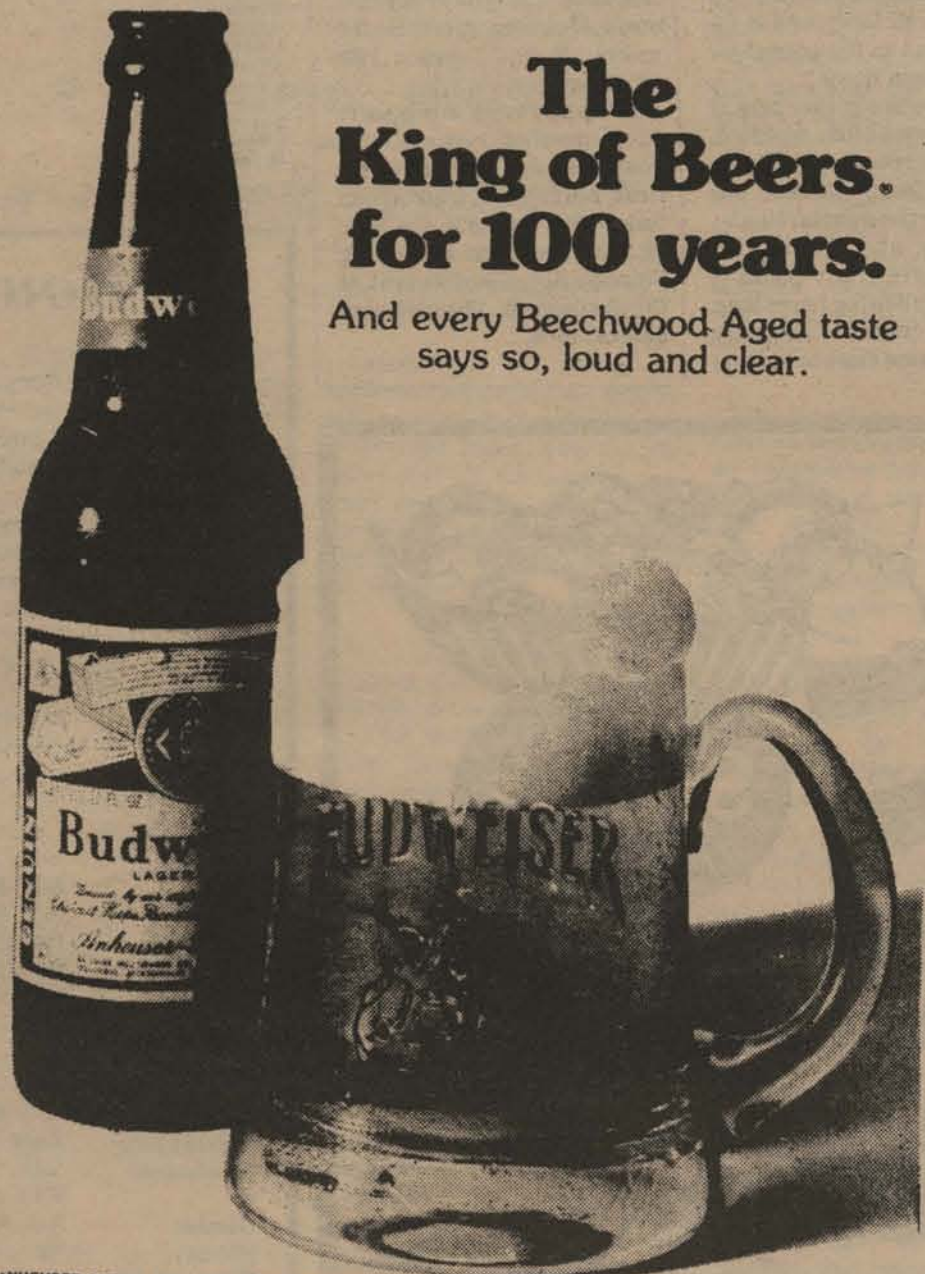
school star who played some intercollegiate ball at Harding College in Searcy, Ark., scored 26 points in the contest. Brian Cooper also contributed 26 shooting from his outside position. This combination was just too much for the KA's, who were led by Calvin Sears with 10 points.

Wellborn's had little trouble with the Vanguardians, despite the high hopes that the team had at the beginning of the season. John Harrison of Wellborn's led the scoring with 24, while our own Student Director of Intra-

mural, Tom Olmsted, led the Vanguardians with eight points.

The playoffs continue this week, with the Loose Balls, the champions of the Thursday league, meeting Independents IV on Tuesday. The Loose Balls are heavily favored in that contest, owing to their first-place ranking, but the Independents are thinking upset.

In the other quarterfinal, the Thugs meet the Misfits Tuesday night. The semis will be Wednesday night, with the final taking place Thursday.



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LSUS readies for playoffs

by Joey Tabarlet

LSUS' flag football champions have already gone to New Orleans, and they are preparing today for the state flag football finals which start tomorrow. What chance do the LSUS teams have? Pat Locke of the men's champion Franks' Independents and coach Jeff Lanus of the women's champion Jeff's Devils gave their views.

According to Locke, how the LSUS teams will fare in the competition depends on two things primarily — the draw of first-round opponents and the weather. "If we get somebody easy in the first round, we'll have a chance to get our nervousness out of the way without risking getting eliminated," Locke said. "Also, if it's raining or very cold in New Orleans, both teams will have problems with our pass-oriented offenses."

LOCKE SAID also that the quickness of the South Louisiana teams may hurt the Devils. "They've got P.E. majors and graduate P.E. majors on those teams down there. They're fast, and the Devils may have trouble containing the rush."

Frank's Independents did extremely well in their practice game against the Centenary All-Stars two weeks ago in the pouring rain, so Locke's fears may not be realized. Moreover, the Independents defeated the Louisiana Tech runners-up by a score of 26-6. As Locke put it, "we just dominated them. They moved the ball fairly well in the first half, but in the second we just shut them down."

Franks' record in play here at LSUS has been often repeated. And what a record it is: 5-0 in the preliminary games; undefeated in the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals; an average of over forty points a game while allowing fewer than seven per contest. The only team that came close to beating

the Independents was their final-round opponent, the Trees, who could manage only six points.

THE TEAMS from other schools have records that are equally impressive, however. The teams from Baton Rouge and New Orleans are historically excellent and should once again be strong.

The women's final is another story. While Franks' Independents has many holdovers from last year champion Welch's, Jeff's Devils is an entirely new outfit constructed by Jeff Lanus to his exacting specifications. The most striking thing about the Devils all year was their sense of camaraderie and team spirit. One got the feeling that this group of girls enjoyed each other as well as playing football.

It was obvious from the outset, of course, that the Devils were gunning for defending champion Alpha Phi. They finally caught up with the Alpha Phis on October 12, beating them 14-6.

HOW DID THE Devils do it? One of the main weapons was quarterback Nancy Kaus passing to the leading receiver, Nancy Zesch. The Kaus-to-Zesch combination resulted in

five touchdowns and numerous yards this season Lanus says that his defense has been what he calls a "flex," although it's doubtful that Tom Landry would recognize it. The real strength of the defense, though, is middle linebacker Christine Johnson, who is "one of the quickest players I've ever seen," according to coach Lanus.

The Devils' chances depend basically on the draw and the weather. Vallette Weaver and Karen Franklin of Alpha Phi will be along to help out in the pass receiving and pass-rushing departments.

Both LSUS teams are confident that they will do well. Let's hope that Lady Luck and Mother Nature are with them.

Huddleston still leads

Johnel Huddleston and Peter Ho will meet this Sunday to determine the Fall 1978 IM tennis ladder champion.

Huddleston, the leader in the ladder for the past several weeks, will be going for his fourth tennis title of the semester.

The top ten in the tennis ladder as of Nov. 28 reads:

1. Johnel Huddleston
2. Peter Ho
3. Joe Patrick
4. Dale Stone
5. Tim Ene
6. Don Sklar
7. Barron David
8. Laura Mandropolis
9. Melvin Hert
10. Tom Olmsted



LSUS Student Director of Intramurals Tom Olmsted (24) tries to regroup the Misfits during a halftime conference. (Photo: Kent Lowe)

Franks takes Tech in post-season game

LSUS men's intramural flag football champions Franks' Independents traveled to Louisiana Tech November 18 to play a warm-up game for the state championships against Pi Kappa Theta, the Tech intramural runners-up. Franks' won, 26-6.

According to Pat Locke of the Independents, the champion of the Tech intramurals was the varsity baseball team, but for some reason (probably their intercollegiate status) they will not be allowed to go to the state tourney in New Orleans.

Franks' ran up two quick touchdowns by taking the ball in for a score on their first possession and capitalizing on a Peke mistake. Bill Haynie caught a 40-yard touchdown pass from Allen Franks to open the scoring, but the extra point try failed. It was to be like that all afternoon. Locke intercepted a Peke pass and returned to the three yard line, from which he passed to Bill Haynie once more for the touchdown — but again the conversion failed.

The sole Tech score came on a long pass late in the half, but Franks' still had a 12-6 lead at halftime.

The second half turned into a rout as Franks hit Ken Story with a 65-yard touchdown pass to up the margin to 18-6. Yet another conversion failed, but by then it really didn't matter. The final score came when Haynie took a short dump pass and twisted through the astonished Tech defenders for a 50-yard TD romp. He then passed to Franks for the sole conversion of the day.

Locke said that he and the other team members were pleased with the group's performance in the game, which was the first that either team had played under the new modified rules for the New Orleans tournament.

The fact that his team beat only the runners-up didn't bother Locke. He said that the Tech champions had beaten the runners-up by approximately the same point spread, but that the Pekes had scored more than six points.

Trivia quiz

We failed to find a winner for either of our trivia quizzes last week. The type or car that Steve McQueen drove in the movie "Bullitt!" was a 1968 Mustang.

The answer to our sports trivia question concerning the year that the Detroit Lions first played in Detroit on turkey day was 1934. On Nov. 29, 1934, the Lions lost to the Chicago Bears in the first of the traditional Thanksgiving games, 19-16.

Bowl game predictions

After predicting the National Football League (NFL) games for the last three months, it is time to turn our attention to the college bowl games. Kent's Komments finished with a 102-52 mark, while the faculty ended at 95-59.

Picking the bowl games with me are the four faculty members who beat or tied me during the NFL season. They are: Dr. Frank Lower, assistant professor of communications; Dr. Carlos Spaht, associate professor of mathematics; David Horner, associate professor of communications; and, Dr. Don Smith, assistant professor of mathematics.

In the case of a game in which one team has not been selected we have picked both possibilities.

GAME		Lowe	Dr. Lower	Dr. Spaht	Horner	Dr. Smith
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or	N.D.-T. Tech	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
Sugar:	Penn St.-Ala.	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.	Penn	Ala.
or	Penn St.-Geo.	Penn	Penn	Penn	Penn	Penn
Rose:	USC-Mich.	USC	USC	USC	Mich.	USC
Orange:	Neb.-Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.
Indy:	L. Tech-E. Car.	Tech	E. Car.	E. Car.	Tech	E. Car.
Fiesta:	Ark.-UCLA	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	UCLA	Ark.
Liberty:	LSU-Missouri	LSU	Mo.	LSU	Mo.	Mo.
Hall of Fame:	A&M-Iowa St.	A&M	Iowa	A&M	Iowa	A&M
Bluebonnet:	Stan.-Geo.	Geo.	Geo.	Geo.	Stan.	Stan.
or	Stan.-Ala.	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.
Garden:	Rut.-Ariz. St.	Ariz.	Ariz.	Ariz.	Ariz.	Ariz.
Holiday:	Navy-BYU	Navy	Navy	Navy	Navy	Navy
Peach:	Pur.-Geo. Tech	Pur.	Tech	Tech	Pur.	Tech
Tangerine:	Pitt-N.C. St.	Pitt.	Pitt.	Pitt.	N.C. St.	Pitt
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